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TAGS: PFOR MARR ET US
SUBJ: NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL KAGNEW LEASE

REF: A. ADDIS 6340; B. ADDIS 9108

1. AMB RAISED SUBJECT OF KAGNEW TENURE AND NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL
WITH POLAD TO EPMG CHAIRMAN LIJ MIKAEL IMRU AUG 5.

2. LIJ MIKAEL TOOK SAME TACK AS AYALEW IN REF B, SAYING EPMG
IS CONFUSED BY APPARENT CHANGE IN US INTENTIONS; IN PAST
DISCUSSIONS USG HAD GIVEN CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT ALL ELEMENTS
OF KAGNEW WOULD SHORTLY BECOME TECHNOLOGICALLY OBSOLETE. AMB
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS HAD BEEN EARLIER EXPECTATION, BUT THAT
USG HAD CONSISTENTLY AVOIDED ANY COMMITMENT TO DEPARTURE AT ANY
PARTICULAR DATE. EPMG REPORT TO UN SAYING THAT USG WOULD
DEPART KAGNEW IN JULY 1975 HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN CLEARED
WITH USG. AS AMB HAD REPEATEDLY TOLD FONMIN KIFLE, AND ALSO
TOLD DEFMAR AYALEW, USG'S INTENTION IS TO REMAIN, BECAUSE
TECHNOLOGICAL EXPECTATIONS HAD NOT PROVEN VALID, AND
NAVCOMUNIT IS STILL VERY IMPORTANT TO US OPERATIONS IN
INDIAN OCEAN.

3. LIJ MIKAEL ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT THAT USG WOULD NEED
KAGNEW BEYOND 1978 DATE MENTIONED IN BASIC AGREEMENT. AMB
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SAID USG DOES NOT WISH TO RAISE THAT MATTER NOW, PREFERMING

TO ADDRESS SHORTER-TERM CONTINUING USG NEED FOR KAGNEW. AMB SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT A FIXED TERMINAL DATE FOR KAGNEW, BUT ON PERSONAL BASIS DOUBTED IT WOULD BE NEEDED BEYOND 1978. (AMB CHOSE NOT TO POINT OUT THAT SOME EPMG OFFICIALS SEEM TO THINK THE AGREEMENT TERMINATES IN 1978, WHILE IN FACT IT WILL REMAIN IN FORCE AFTER 1978, UNTIL ONE SIDE GIVES ONE YEAR'S NOTICE.) IN THE MEANTIME EPMG SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT SO AS TO REGULARIZE PRESENT SITUATION OF KAGNEW REMNANT, AND HOPEFULLY EPMG WOULD NOT COMPLICATE NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL BY INJECTION OF LARGER ISSUES. AMB SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SIGNS THAT EPMG MAY BE TRYING TO HURRY CLOSURE OF KAGNEW BEFORE USG WAS READY. LIJ MIKAEL SAID HE WOULD REPORT CONVERSATION TO CHAIRMAN TEFERI, AMB SAID HE BELIEVED THERE WAS ENOUGH CONFUSION ABOUT USG INTENTIONS REGARDING KAGNEW SO THAT A CLEAR STATEMENT IN WRITING SHOULD BE SENT BY EMBASSY TO MOFA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT PLEASE FURNISH TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTED IN LAST PARA OF REF B.
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